

Brian Sandoval
Governor



Chris Perry
Director

Troy L. Abney
Chief
Nevada Highway Patrol

July 5, 2013

Trooper Chuck Allen
Nevada Highway Patrol – Northern Command
Public Information Officer
callen@dps.state.nv.us
775-689-4680 or 775-230-4921

Media Release

Results of July 4th DUI Checkpoint on US 50 at Spooner Summit in Douglas County

Yesterday afternoon and evening, several northern Nevada law enforcement agencies teamed up and participated in the holiday DUI checkpoint as part of the “Joining Forces” funded traffic safety initiative. The administrative roadblock was set up on eastbound US Highway 50 near Spooner Summit in Douglas County.

During the 8-hour event which took place from 2:00 – 10:00 pm, police officers from the Reno and Sparks Police Departments, deputies from the Washoe and Lyon County Sheriff’s Offices, and troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol briefly spoke to each driver of the 3,547 vehicles that were stopped. All vehicles where motorists showed signs of alcohol or drug use, or if a violation was observed, were directed to the secondary screening area. The following enforcement action was noted during the checkpoint.

Five motorists were arrest for DUI; 4 were for driving under the influence of alcohol and one for marijuana. Additionally, officers issued traffic citations for all violations observed as motorists were contacted. Those offenses included three for marijuana less than one ounce, three for drug paraphernalia, nine child safety seat violations, four seat belt tickets, and seven additional traffic citations for various other violations.

Furthermore, ten minors were cited for alcohol consumption and their ages ranged from 16-20 years old. The DUI checkpoint was funded by the “Joining Forces” grant secured by the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety and paid for by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



#####